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Zelda Von Gutters,
the magazine's roving
reporter. Look for my
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the issue.

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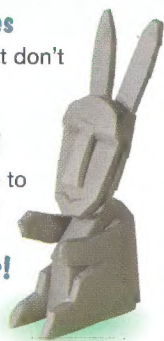


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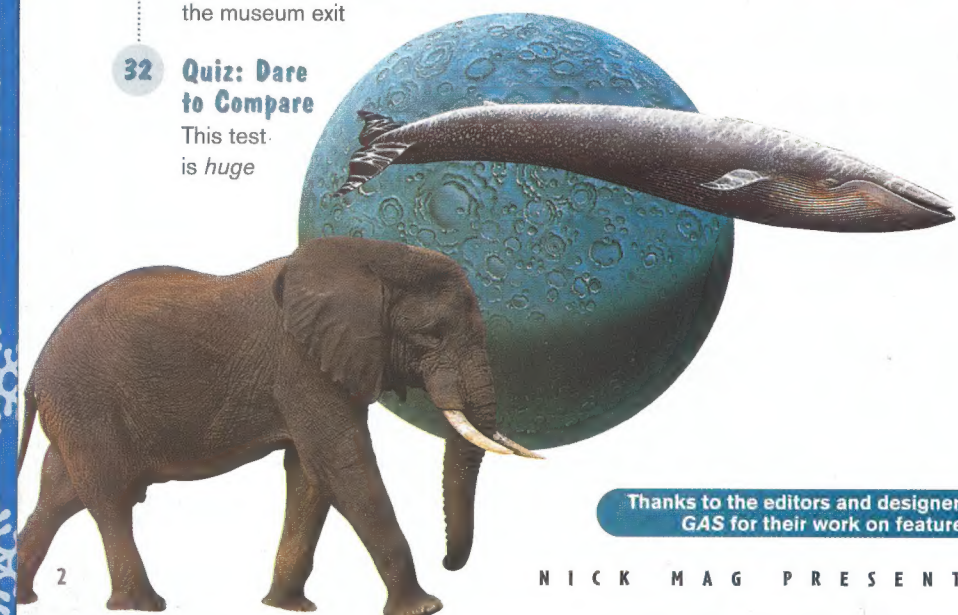
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THE NICKTOONS ZODIAC

by Frank Pittarese

Maybe you know if you were born under the Chinese zodiac sign of the Dragon or the Tiger. But do you know if you're a Chimp or a Ghost? Use this handy Nicktoons zodiac to find out. Just locate the Nicktoons sign that matches the month of your birth. You might learn something new—if not necessarily true—about yourself. Then get the scoop on your family and friends!



BRAIN

Birth Month: January
Creative thinker and problem solver. Curiosity motivates you and often leads to adventure. Your brainpower may cause some to think you have a swelled head—a very, very swelled head. Wishers will try to work their magic on you. If you can't befriend a Chimp, build one.



SPONGE

Birth Month: March
Optimistic and joyful to the extreme. Your needs are simple: a steady job, a good friend, and a fruit to live in. You're easily distracted but absorb all that life has to offer. Get silly with a Bender or a Feline. Sourpusses make excellent neighbors—whether they want to or not.



SITTER

Birth Month: February
Short-tempered and intense—you're kinda scary. Your forceful personality commands attention. These traits, combined with your ability to pretend you're hardworking, make you a natural leader. Today, two dollars an hour—tomorrow, the world! Wishers fear you. Chickens faint when they see you.



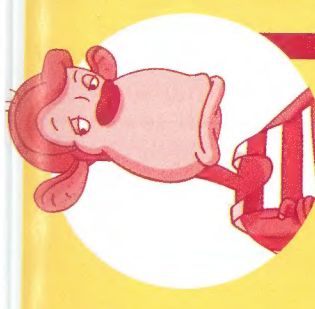
ROBOT

Birth Month: April
Your cold exterior is a sharp contrast to the sensitive inner you. Friendly, likable, and outgoing, you just want to be one of the crowd. You have the heroic attributes of a Ghost, but it's wise to have a Brain on speed dial for emergency repairs.



CHIMP

Birth Month: May
On the outside, you're a hairy beast. On the inside, you're an intellectual. Well-mannered, but occasionally aloof and fussy. You make an excellent companion and confidant. Your life is already a jungle, so avoid slovenly Felines and catty Divas.



BENDER

Birth Month: July
You find fascination with the Earth's natural elements: air, earth, fire, and water. Everyone treats you like a child, but you know you're destined for greatness. You'd look fantastic if you were bald. Very compatible with a Ghost or a Brain, but avoid Sitters and Divas—they upset your inner balance.



CHICKEN

Birth Month: September
You are a sensitive soul. Shy and nervous, you'll often be found hiding under the covers. Though you like to play it safe, your loyalty to friends can reveal a hidden brave streak. Divas will feed your fears while Felines will make you sneeze.



FELINE

Birth Month: November
Honorable, loyal, and oh-so-cuddly. You're made for the simple life and love spending time with family, friends, and especially next-door neighbors. Wealth may come, but you'll still enjoy a sloppy meal or a good fight. Go bonkers with a Sponge. Dig your claws into a Sitter.



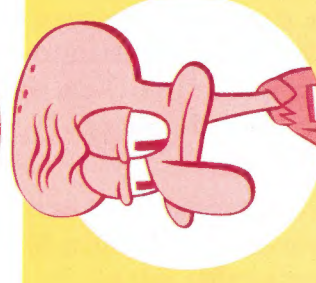
DIVA

Birth Month: June
Drama queen (or king). You like being a trendsetter and the center of attention. You have an eye for fashion and a mouth for speaking your mind—loudly. Don't mix with a Sitter...neither of you play well with others. Instead, surround yourself with Chickens.



SOURPUSS

Birth Month: August
A lover of art and culture. You are well-armed with impatience and annoyance for those who are inferior to you—basically, everyone. Your talents remain hidden to others but not to yourself. Sponges make awful neighbors. Know-it-all Brains irritate those who really do know it all.



GHOST

Birth Month: October
You're heroic—sometimes superheroic—but with a tendency to turn invisible when danger strikes. Not much scares you, although you sometimes feel like you're living a double life. Halloween is your busiest day of the year. Team up with a Bender or a Robot and save the world.



WISHER

Birth Month: December
Your life is filled with magic and mischief. Impulsive and imaginative, you'll often leap before you look. Good thing you have powerful friends. Avoid Sitters at all costs. Get an unreality check with a Ghost or a Brain.



MAKE SNOW SENSE!

It's said that no two snowflakes are identical. That's definitely the case here. Each flake carries six letters that can be used to answer one Nicktoons clue below. For example, the letters in snowflake 1 can be unscrambled to form TRIXIE, the answer to clue f. Can you figure out all the six-letter words?

Answers on page 62.



1. TRIXIE



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



8. _____



9. _____



7. _____



10. _____



11. _____

CLUES

- Shape of a very famous pair of pants
- Favorite dinosaur of the Rugrats
- Danny Phantom is really Danny _____
- Last name of the second-smartest kid in Retroville
- Aang is the last Airbender and the _____
- Timmy Turner has a major crush on her
- Pirate who hosts *SpongeBob* specials
- Dopey brother of Gordon and Mr. Blik
- First name of the toughest fairy in Fairy World
- Plankton owns the Chum _____
- Something a Rugrat would wear



IM Out of Order

SoccRgrll has been busy for the past hour sending IMs to friends. Can you put her six IM windows in the order in which they were written? Number them in the blanks provided. Answers on page 62.

Instant Message With: K8E

K8E: Didja like the chicken joke I just emailed you?
 SoccRgrll: ROTFL.
 K8E: Courtney's on the phone. She's got some news about Timmy!! BRB.
 SoccRgrll: U r gonna love it!

_____ WINDOW A

Send

Instant Message With: TAMMY2001

SoccRgrll: Sup, Tam?
 TAMMY2001: Not much. Watching The O.C.
 SoccRgrll: Me 2. I just logged on. What's up 2nite?
 TAMMY2001: Absolutely nothing.

_____ WINDOW B

Send

Instant Message With: IBlink4Blink182

SoccRgrll: OH! U gotta hear about Timmy!
 IBlink4Blink182: What????
 SoccRgrll: I *just* heard that Tammy busted him at the mall with Melanie and Rachel!!!
 IBlink4Blink182: This is like that Ashlee song Boyfriend...OMG, it just came on the radio!!!

_____ WINDOW C

Send

Instant Message With: ZKITYYZ

ZKITYYZ: Could u believe The O.C. 2nite?
 SoccRgrll: Yeah, I was glued to it all night!!

Hey, ZKITYYZ, IM me.

_____ WINDOW D

Send

Instant Message With: IMsk8n

SoccRgrll: Did u hear the joke about the chicken?
 IMsk8n: Yeah, K8E won't stop forwarding it to me... Ya know, I can't get that song Boyfriend out of my head. Must be the third time they played it this hour!
 SoccRgrll: Really? First time I heard it. Oh, g2g. Zkittyz is IMing me.

_____ WINDOW E

Send

Instant Message With: Adam543298

Adam543298: Didja hear about Timmy and Tammy?
 SoccRgrll: What? Tell me!!!!!! I was just IMing her.
 Adam543298: Tammy busted Timmy with Melanie and Rachel at Chelsea Mall.
 SoccRgrll: =:-O

_____ WINDOW F

Send

You don't have to be real to be the subject of juicy gossip, as columnist Tommy Tattler knows. See if you can guess which famous pairs of cartoon friends or foes are described in the items below. Answers on page 62.

TOMMY TATTLER'S ANIMATED WORLD OF GOSSIP

My cartoon spies are everywhere! Here's the latest poop they've scooped about your favorite animated high rollers and has-beens.

1 Siblings sort it out! A certain brother and sister may have ended their famous sibling spat. For years, she's been pushing his buttons, but he's finally decided to bury the hatchet. In fact, according to well-connected sources, he's invented a device to do just that!

2 Forearm friends! Anchors aweigh! We caught this large-armed sailor dining at the fashionable Spinachteria with his supposed "enemy," a certain bearded fellow. The two were later seen at



a charity blood drive. Could this be the end of the bad blood between them?

3 A marvelous meal? This famous webhead was irked when a waiter asked him, "Do you want flies with that?" After an awkward moment, the wall-crawling wonder noticed the waiter had green skin and was seven feet tall! "You big gamma goofball," sighed the relieved celebrity. It was his pal, a familiar jade giant, playing a super joke!

4 Hare or hair? The sun shone brightly this weekend, at least off of the bald head of a certain hunter looking for his hare. We'd recommend that he start looking for a toupee instead.

5 Spotted at a cave rave! These two pals, seen sporting pelts instead of pants, rocked a local party till it was rubble. But did they stop to clean up the mess? Our sources say they took off on foot...bare-foot, to be exact.

6 Submerged shopping spree! What two undersea celebs were seen shopping for swimwear? We hear that the less rounded of the two hasn't soaked up a lot of fashion sense. And though they fished through stores for hours, his friend looked as though he had just crawled out from under a rock. Sources say he was pink with embarrassment...or does this star always look that way?

7 Supernatural appetites! The local all-you-can-eat buffet didn't bargain on these two! Their stomachs are true mystery machines, able to quickly process mountains of food. And they still have room for a few snacks after every meal!

'Toon in tomorrow! —Tommy

THE GAG STATION



"GEE, THIS LIGHT TAKES FOREVER!"



ALIEN SNOW ANGELS



A Little Holiday Shopping

This typical shopping scene is really not so typical. Look closely at the woman in the purple coat on the left. Her coat is actually a glove, her purse is a tiny padlock, and her hat is a dried apricot. What other everyday objects can you find hidden in this picture? There are more than 100. Answers on page 62.



Created by Joan Steiner for her book *Look-Alikes Christmas*.

THE POINT of NO RETURN

by Tom Mitchell

The holidays are over, and a long line to return unwanted gifts has formed at the Chee-Z Gift Shoppe. Amazingly, no one in this line actually needs to return his or her present: The gift each person really wants is in the hands of someone else in line. Looking at the presents and clues in the picture, can you figure out who should have which gift? There is only one way to make everyone happy. Answers on page 62.



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WHO GIVES TO WHOM?

1 gives to _____

2 to _____

3 to _____

4 to _____

5 to _____

6 to _____

7 to _____

8 to _____

9 to _____

10 to _____

11 to _____

12 to _____

13 to _____

And I give up.



I Resolve to Fill In

In case you're having a hard time making New Year's resolutions, we put together this fill-in to help you out. Just ask someone for the words to fill in the blanks below (without showing the page to him or her). Then read it aloud when you're asked "What are your New Year's resolutions?"

I resolve not to

_____ more than _____
verb times a week.
number

I'd like to
spend more time
_____ my
-ing verb
noun

Every _____ day of week I will
practice the _____ till my
musical instrument
body part gets adjective



I plan to _____ verb
at least _____ times
number
a day unless it interferes with
watching _____ television show

In the next year,
I will eat only
_____ food.
adjective

No longer will I
eat _____ large number type of food (plural)
at a sitting. Instead,
I will eat only _____ smaller number

Instead of
_____ my
-ing verb
fingernails, I will
_____ them.
verb

I want to stop

_____ -ing verb
my plural noun

I promise not to pretend
that I have _____ medical condition
every time I have to take
a test in _____ hated school subject

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How Bored Are You?

How bad has your boredom gotten during winter break? Take this quiz and find out. Give yourself one point for each statement you mark as true. Then add up your points and see how you rate.



You've been so bored that...

...you've been comparing the most recent edition of the dictionary with the previous one to see what's changed.

T___ F___

...you've agreed to play Candy Land with a younger sibling.

T___ F___

...you've actually thought about cleaning your room.

T___ F___

...you've taken out a frozen TV dinner and watched it thaw.

T___ F___

...you've been checking snowflakes under a microscope to find ones that match.

T___ F___

...you've counted to 1 trillion.

T___ F___

...you've watched the kilowatts increase on the electric meter in your house.

T___ F___

...you can't wait to go back to school.

T___ F___

...you've called directory assistance to make sure that all the numbers in the phone book are accurate.

T___ F___

...you're taking a quiz in a magazine to find out how bored you are.

T___ T___

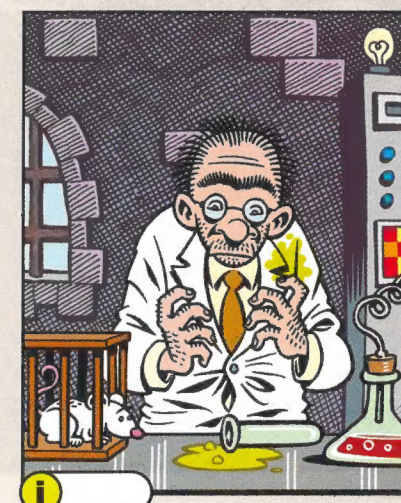
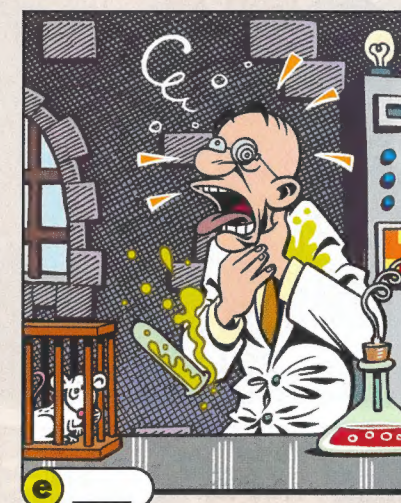
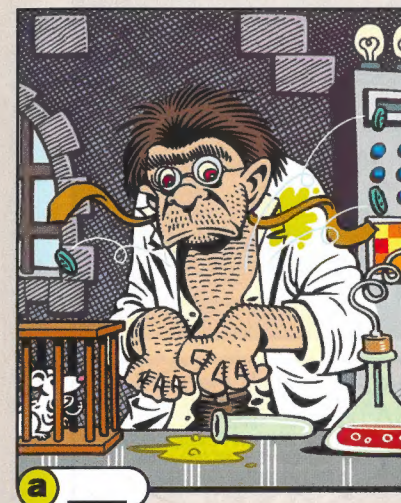
IF YOU SCORED

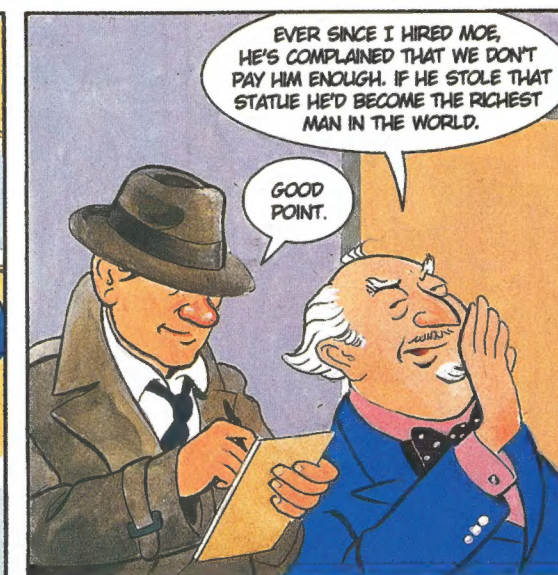
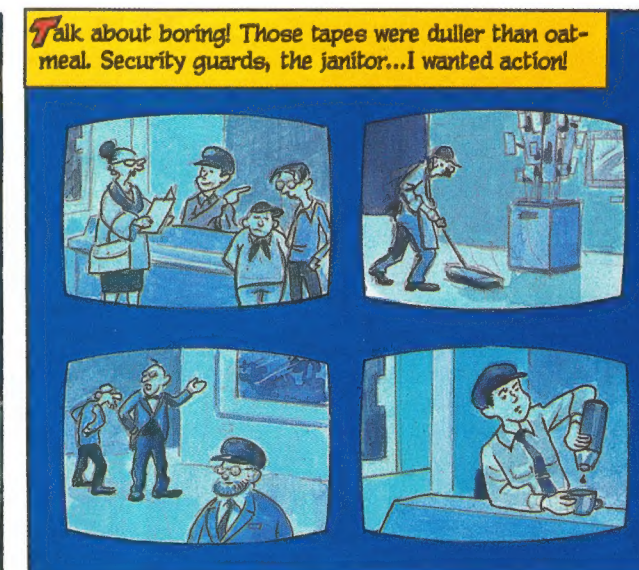
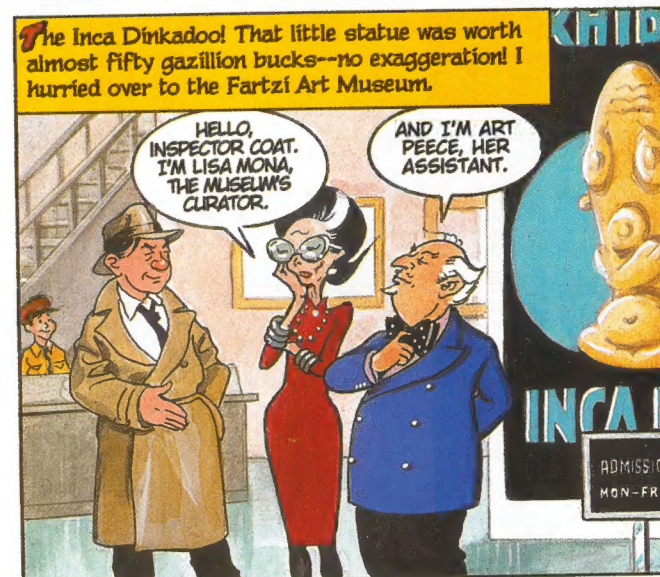
1-4 points: You're not bored silly, you just are silly.
5-7 points: You're not only bored out of your wits, you're bored out of other people's wits, too.
8-10 points: You're not quite dying of boredom, but it's probably time to write your will.

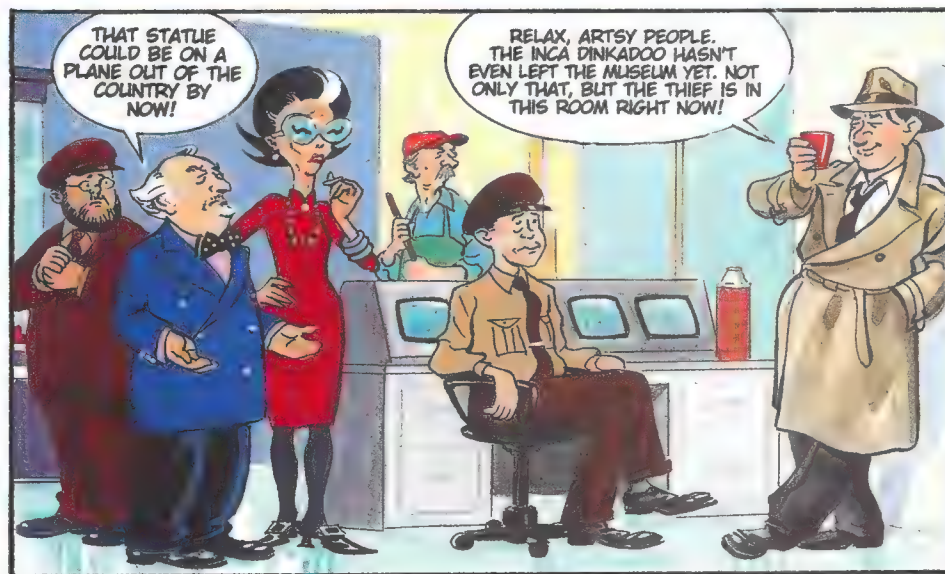
A SINISTER SEQUENCE

In the pictures below, a mild-mannered scientist drinks a secret formula and undergoes a hideous transformation. But the sequence of images is all mixed up. Can you put them in order?

Answer on page 62.







Who stole the
INCA DINKADOO?

And how did
Inspector Coat
know?

Study each panel
for clues. Then
try to figure it out
yourself. Answer
on page 62.

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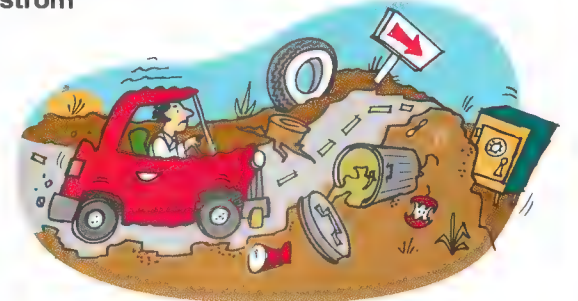
Log-on Lingo

An artist who didn't know anything about technology was accidentally hired to illustrate a dictionary of computer terms. Can you figure out what the real terms are? We gave you some hints.

Answers on page 62. by Tony Mostrom



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2 **H A R D**



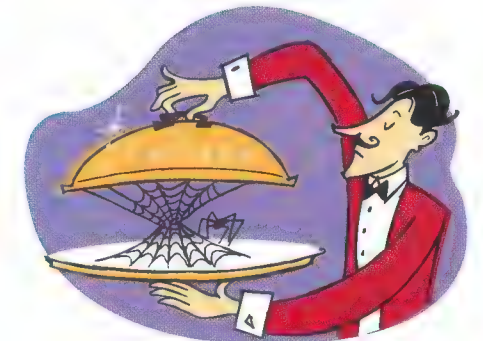
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5 **R S**



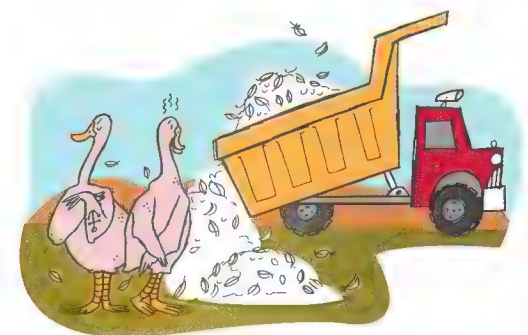
6 **S E**



7 **M D**



8 **M A B**



9 **L A D**



Birds without feathers
flock together.

ExtraSensory Puzzle

You don't have to have ESP (extrasensory perception) to check out the weird activities going on in this scene, but each one can be described with three words: the first beginning with *E*, the second with *S*, and the last with *P*. For instance, number one is an Executioner Slicing Pineapples. Can you figure out the other 10 instances of ESP? **Answers on page 62.**

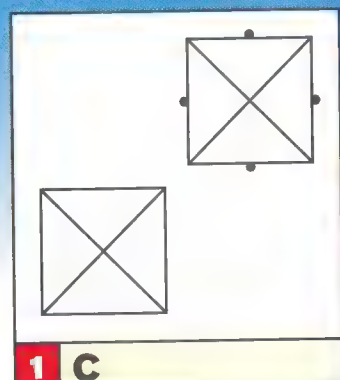
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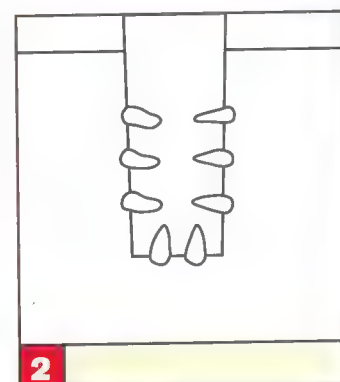
Doodles From Above

In the early 1950s, humorist Roger Price invented Doodles—a game in which contestants had to guess the wacky explanations for his funny, simple line drawings. Inspired by him, we had puzzle master Robert Leighton come up with some new Doodles for situations as seen from up in the air. Try to match the pictures with their titles below. We did the first one for you.

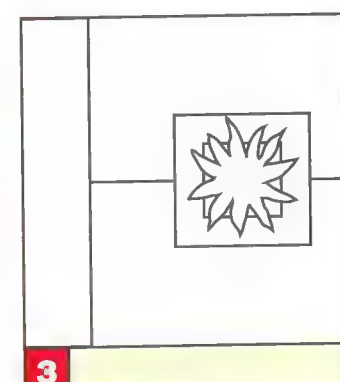
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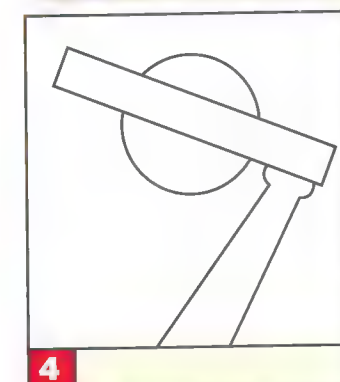
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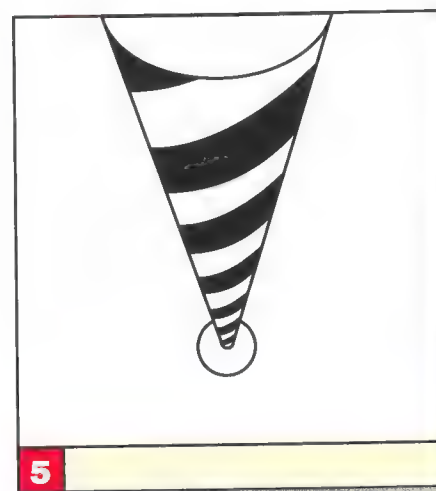
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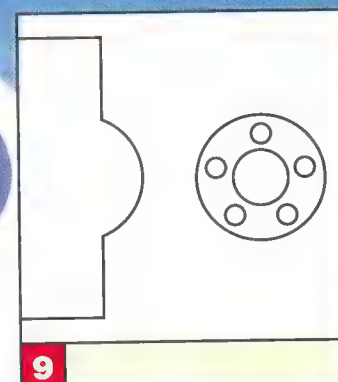


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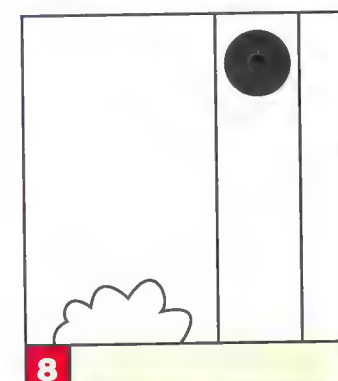


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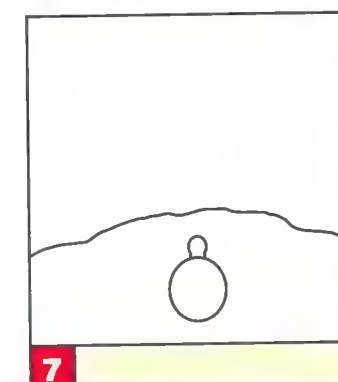
- A. Chuckie Finster going down a chimney
- B. A turtle preparing to jump over the Grand Canyon
- C. Four guys trying to lift a pyramid
- D. SpongeBob SquarePants having a staring contest with Swiss cheese
- E. An elephant adjusting his flat-panel computer monitor
- F. The world's tallest barber pole
- G. Albert Einstein bowling a gutter ball
- H. An octopus hiding under a diving board
- I. A flying saucer on the White House lawn



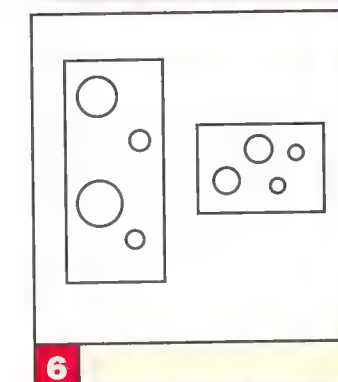
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THE GAG STATION



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RUDOLPH QUILTS SLEIGH TEAM!



BUCKING THE SYSTEM: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer resigned yesterday in a move that shocked his teammates and fans. "I've had enough of this fly-by-night operation," he said as he nosed his way past reporters.

'Jack the Nipper' Nailed

BY ELFA KLENSCH

Police have arrested Jack Frost, the man they say is the infamous North Pole Nose Nipper. After giving Frost the third degree below zero, Police Inspector Harry Nostril is confident he has his man. "We nabbed the nipper and threw him in the cooler," he stated icily.

"Jack the Nipper" is believed to be the man who has nipped more than a billion noses over the past three years. Many of his victims were

kids between the ages of one and 92. One victim, Sigmund Froid, recalls his night of tingly terror. "I was walking home from work," he said, "and this man seemed to crystallize in front of me. All of a sudden, my schnozz froze."

News of the arrest came as little surprise in Frost's neighborhood, Shivering Chalets. According to one neighbor, Frost is a loner who "always carries around bags of ice. And even if it's well below zero, he always has the air conditioner on."



CUFFED IN THE COLD: An unidentified victim shortly before being revived (above); Jack Frost being taken into frozen custody (left).

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

North Pole Hockey League

Drummers Drumming 12Pipers Piping 11
Lords a-Leaping 10Ladies Dancing 9
Maids a-Milking 8Swans a-Swimming 7
Geese a-Laying 6Golden Rings 5
Calling Birds 4French Hens 3
Turledoves 2Partridge in a Pear Tree 1

BY RAYMOND BRRRRRR

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer announced yesterday that he is resigning from the North Pole sleigh team, effective immediately. The reindeer, who's had quite a reign as head of the team, turned his nose up at the idea that his departure was because of a malfunctioning nose. The ruddy reindeer said, "As always, you could even say it glows."

That glowing snout is the reason it all started one foggy night many years ago. The headlight ability from his nose so bright made Rudolph a born leader. But the nose sometimes led to trouble with his dimmer deer teammates. Rudolph has had a bitter rivalry with Comet, his Number Two,

ever since Rudolph was overheard saying "Comet's not a reindeer; he's a bathroom cleanser!"

Following the resignation, teammates Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Dasher all threw their deerskin caps into the ring, clamoring to catch the coveted crew captain crown. Dancer, appearing at an Elks Club function, also made an attempt. "Check out my headlight honker," he said to the crowd. His nose glowed a dull yellow for one second, but then dimmed.

Prancer, the rookie, sniffed as he fondly remembered his mentor. "I *caribou* Rudolph as much as I *caribou* anyone," he said. And Vixen, who was vacationing in Deerfield, Massachusetts, was unavailable for comment.

AROUND THE CIRCLE...

In an ironic turn of events, late last night Carol "Grandma" Singer ran

over a reindeer on her way home from a bowling tournament. Singer said that obstructed vision caused the accident. "In the lane, snow was glistening," she said. Grandma was treated for trauma at the scene. The recovering reindeer is resting in the stable at St. Nick's-Veterinarian. . . . Anyone who has front teeth in good condition is



encouraged to drop them off at the town hall as part of the town's annual Two Front Teeth Donation Drive. The teeth will be handed out later to the town's toothless tots. . . . Kevin Quinn, a chemist at Quincy College, is in quite a quandary over the Kwanzaa candles stolen from the college's equipment closet. Anyone



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A Top Story

BY STEPHEN JAY COLD
Science Editor

At this week's Toy Fair, inventor and spin doctor Oliver Tannenbaum unveiled his newest project at a press conference.

Stephen Jay Cold: What's that new invention you have?

O. Tannenbaum: I have a little dreidel.

SJC: How did you develop it?

OT: I made it out of clay.

SJC: When will you market it?

OT: When it's dry and ready!

SJC: Then what will you do?

OT: Then dreidel I will play!

ALL BOYS AND GIRLS INVITED TO CELEBRATE Baby New Year's Birthday should light the cake candles at 12:00 AM, January 1, 2006. —ADVT.

An Athlete's Dream

adjective

Ask your friends to give you the words to fill in the blanks of this touching tale (without showing or reading the page to them). Pencil in their words. Then read the whole thing out loud. Maybe you'll bring a tear to someone's eye.



Let's take a break from our _____ Winter Olympics coverage to share the _____-warming tale of one athlete's _____ journey to Turin.

I'm standing here in the tiny village of _____ emburg, hometown of women's downhill skier _____ Klutzakova. It was only _____ years ago that _____ woke up every morning to walk _____ miles through fields of _____ to take skiing lessons.

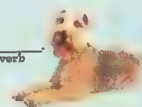
Unfortunately, after _____ lessons, she was forced to give up her skis and join the family business of cleaning _____. But, determined to follow her _____, she snuck out each night to practice moguls on the backs of sleeping herds of _____ (s).

Her skill on the slopes soon impressed _____-time Olympic medalist Victor _____ ski. Victor agreed to coach _____ for free. "She is not afraid to _____ until she gets it right," says Victor. "And that is the _____ of a true champion."

Then tragedy struck. At the World Championship, she skied into a _____, smashing her dreams and her left _____. Doctors wondered if she would ever _____ again. But _____ did not give up. A team of _____ implanted another _____, and she was back on skis only _____ days ago—just in time for the 2006 Winter Olympics!

Her inspiring story shows that if you really believe in _____, your dreams can come true.

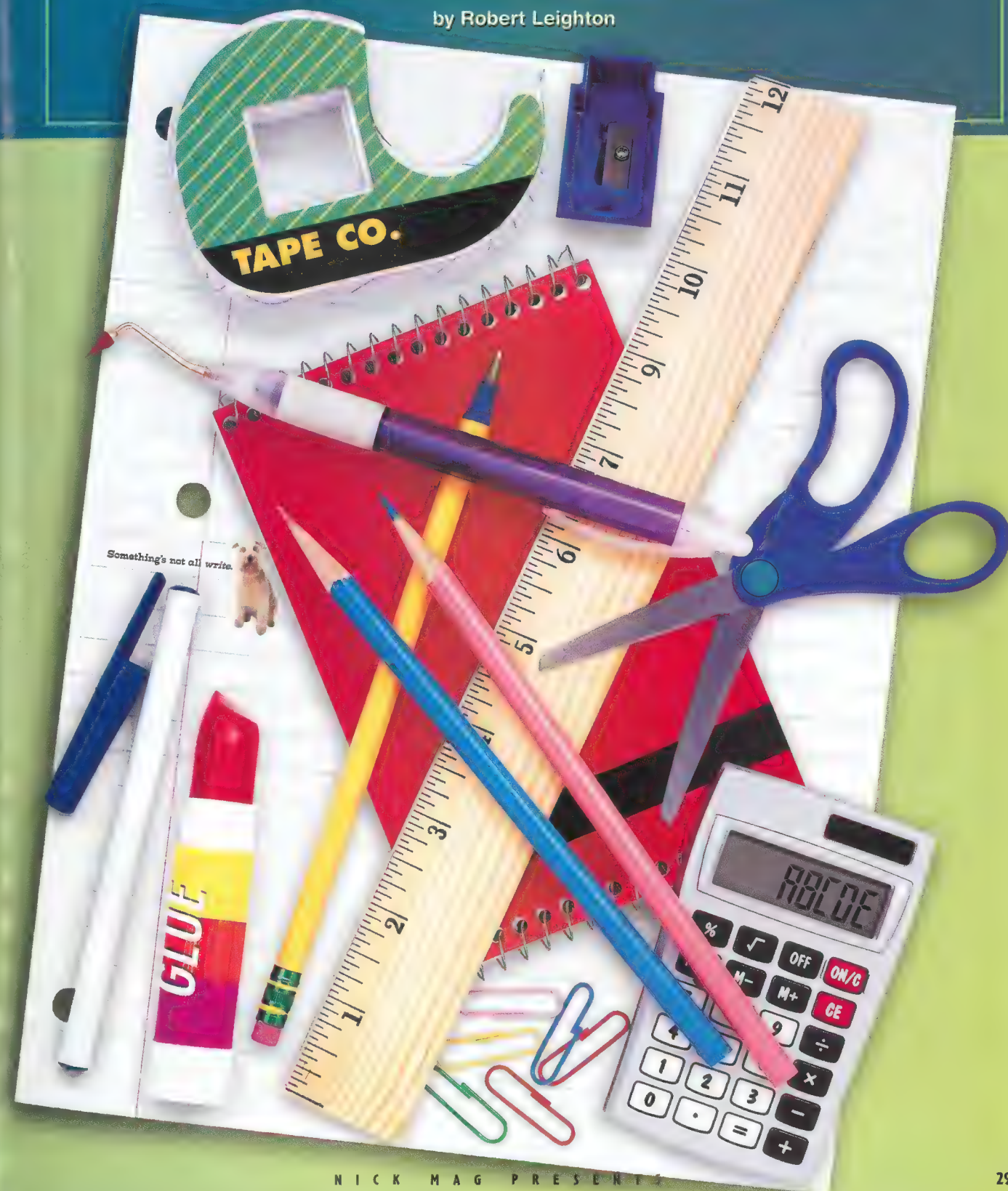
I think I'm gonna _____



Taken by SUPPLIES

This is what you get for buying your school supplies at the Bargain Hut. Every item seen here has a mistake that will make it annoying—if not impossible—to use. Can you spot all the errors? **Answers on page 62.**

by Robert Leighton



NICK MAG PRESENTS

Follow That Bag!

START

Mount Nosemore, THE UNITED STATES

A monument to the honkers of four presidents. Which ones? No one nose.

Item recovered: Lotion

Spell out each of the words listed below by moving from square to square in the grid in any direction. You can use a square more than once. After you're done, unscramble the grid's unused letters to find your next destination.

Booger
Wipe
Pick
Green
Snot

T	B	P	G
W	O	N	S
Q	L	P	E
C	G	E	T
E	K	R	Y



Couldn't you pick a better place to climb?

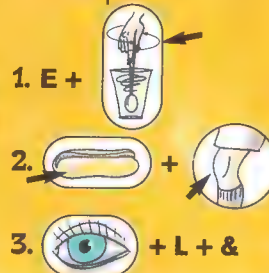


Macho Pikachu, PERU

This ancient city was devoted to a powerful electrical mouse. Sadly, the city was abandoned when something cooler came along.

Item recovered: Toffee

Figure out this rebus, and you'll know your next stop.



South Pole Diner, SOUTH POLE

Over 14 customers served. Specialties: iced tea, iced coffee, ice cream, ice soup.

Item recovered: Cookie

This list of countries follows a special pattern. Figure it out, and then see which of your potential destination countries goes in the blank. That's your next stop.

Portugal
Laos
Switzerland
Denmark
Kiribati



International thief and prankster Jett Lagg swiped your travel bag and scattered your things at the world's lamest locations. To get your stuff back, start at Mount Nosemore and solve the puzzle. Then travel to the other places in the right order before Jett does something awful—like use your toothbrush. Answers on page 62.

by Andrew Brisman

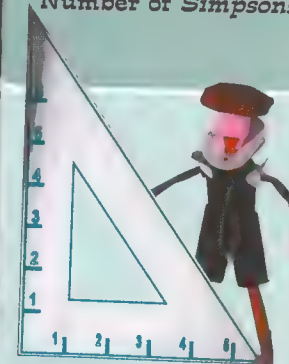
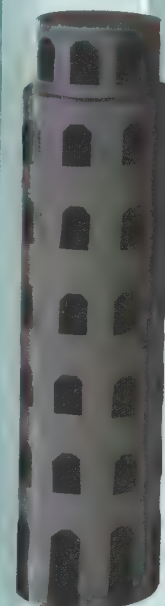
The Perfectly Straight Tower of Pisa, ITALY

Don't ignore this landmark just because these architects didn't mess up.

Item recovered: Jersey

Plug in the right numbers and solve the equation. The number you get as a final answer reveals the first letter of your next country. (A=1, B=2, C=3, etc.)

Stripes on the U.S. flag _____
Harry Potter books so far _____
Number of Simpsons children + _____
Total = _____



Mount Phooey, JAPAN

It's not really a mountain—it's a really tall garbage heap.

Write down the items you recovered at your previous stops in the order you found them. Then, read the circled letters in order. You'll discover where that crook Jett is hiding.

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

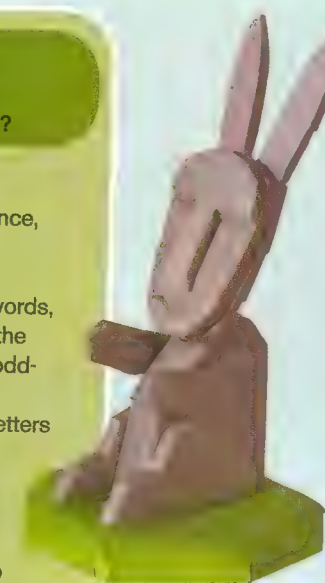


EASTER BUNNY ISLAND

One of the world's great mysteries. Who built these giant stone statues?

Item recovered: Photos

- If a word is misspelled in this sentence, circle the word's last two letters.
- If Ben married a Jennifer, circle O.
- If this sentence has more than 20 words, circle the even-numbered letters in the word *upshot*—otherwise, circle the odd-numbered letters in *bogus*.
- Circle the second, fourth, and fifth letters in *autos*.
- Ignore the next sentence, if this one repeats a word.
- Unscramble the circled letters.
- Read the circled letters backward to reveal your next stop.



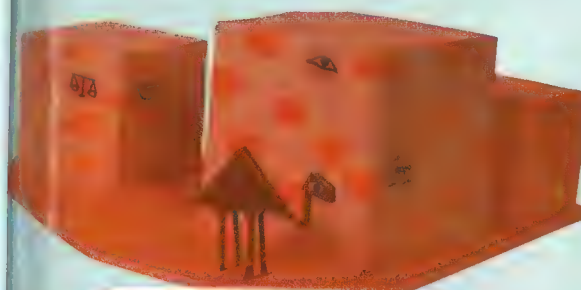
The Great Cubes, EGYPT

Not every pharaoh could afford a pyramid.

Item recovered: Laptop

Write down the letters that all of these words have in common. Unscramble those letters to find the name of the country you must visit next.

Supernova
Suspenders
Multiplier
Trumpets



Siss, Boom, Brrr!

by John-Ryan Hevron



Yell these cheers to warm up when you're absolutely freezing.

While waiting for the bus to pick you up for school

Extra! Extra! Read all about it:
We're frozen through.
There's no doubt about it.
Snow in the sky and ice on the ground.
Our gloves are soaked through,
But it won't bring us down.

Our toes are numb. Our lips are blue.
We're all shivering. How about you?
Step to the left. Step to the right.
It'll warm you up. You'll feel all right.

Kids on the right yell "Freezing!"
(Freezing!)

Kids on the left yell "Cold!" (Cold!)
Do it again. If you're cool, join in:
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While riding your bike to school

To bike in the winter is kind of a drag.
I'm like a snowman with a heavy book bag.
My boogers are frosty. I can't feel my feet.
My whole body's practically covered in sleet.
My fingers are numb. My ears are bright red.
If it won't let up soon, I'll end up in bed.

While waiting outside to get into school

We students are back.
We're cold once again.
We're not here to freeze.
We're here to get in.

Our mittens are lost.
Our scarves are at home.
Our jackets are thin.
Our sweaters on loan.

Chattering teeth.
We're shivering and blue.
Let us in soon,
Or else we're through!

While waiting in line for the movies

2, 4, 6, 8,

This freezing wait
Is what we hate.

Sell us

A ticket!

Mooo-VEE!

*Siss, boom, bellow!
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Solution on page 63.

Dare to Compare

by Maria D. Rosado

Try this quiz on for size. Take a look at the eight pairs of photographs on these two pages. Can you figure out which of the objects in each pair is bigger in real life? **Answers on page 63.**

1

a. an adult male African elephant **or** b. a Ford Excursion SUV



Out of the way, Jumbo!

2

a. a table-tennis ball



or



b. an eyeball

3



a. second base on a Major League Baseball field



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 1 A Three hot dogs, please! B Three-second rule infraction C Taxi!	 2 A Basket interference B Crazy player on the court C Speed up the game—I have to go to the bathroom.	 3 A Do you like my muscles? B Twenty-second time-out C Illegally sharpened elbows	 4 A I'm very disappointed. B Waist of time C Blocking
 5 A Wristwatch not allowed B Holding C I am a genie. What are your three wishes?	 6 A Technical foul B Break for tea C Illegal tickling	 7 A Bad dance move B Traveling C Guess which hand has the whistle.	 8 A Great game, guys! B I love my new antiperspirant! C Jump ball

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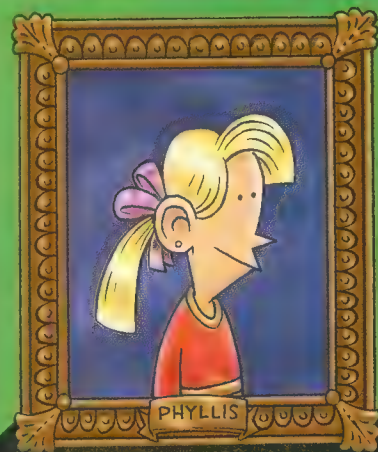
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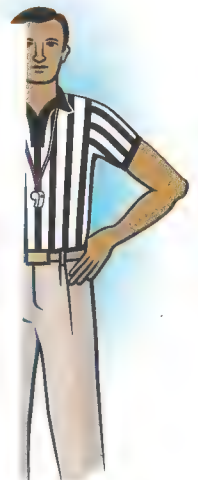
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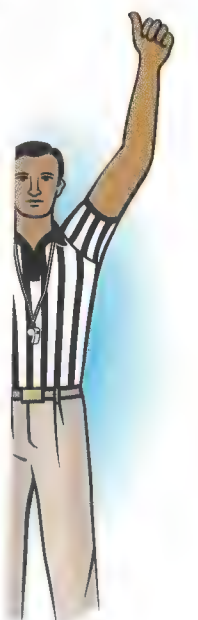
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- a. the Royal Caribbean Voyager of the Seas cruise ship **or** b. the United States aircraft carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower



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- a. an uncooked grain of long-grain rice



or



- b. a standard-size staple

6



- a. an atom

or

- b. a skin pore



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- a. the Earth's moon **or** b. Pluto



8

- a. a blue whale **or** b. an 18-wheel tractor-trailer



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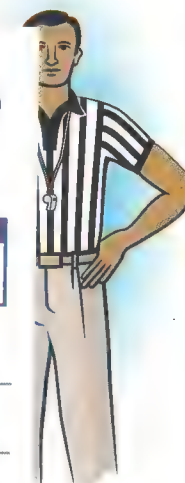
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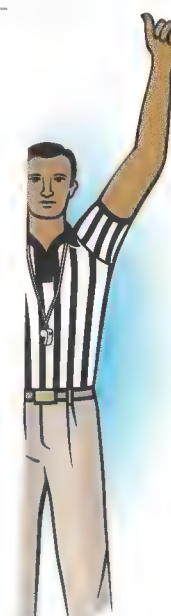
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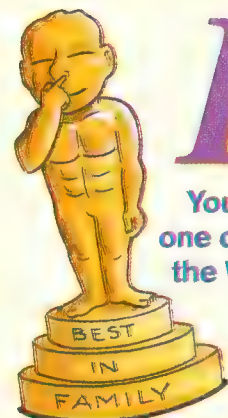
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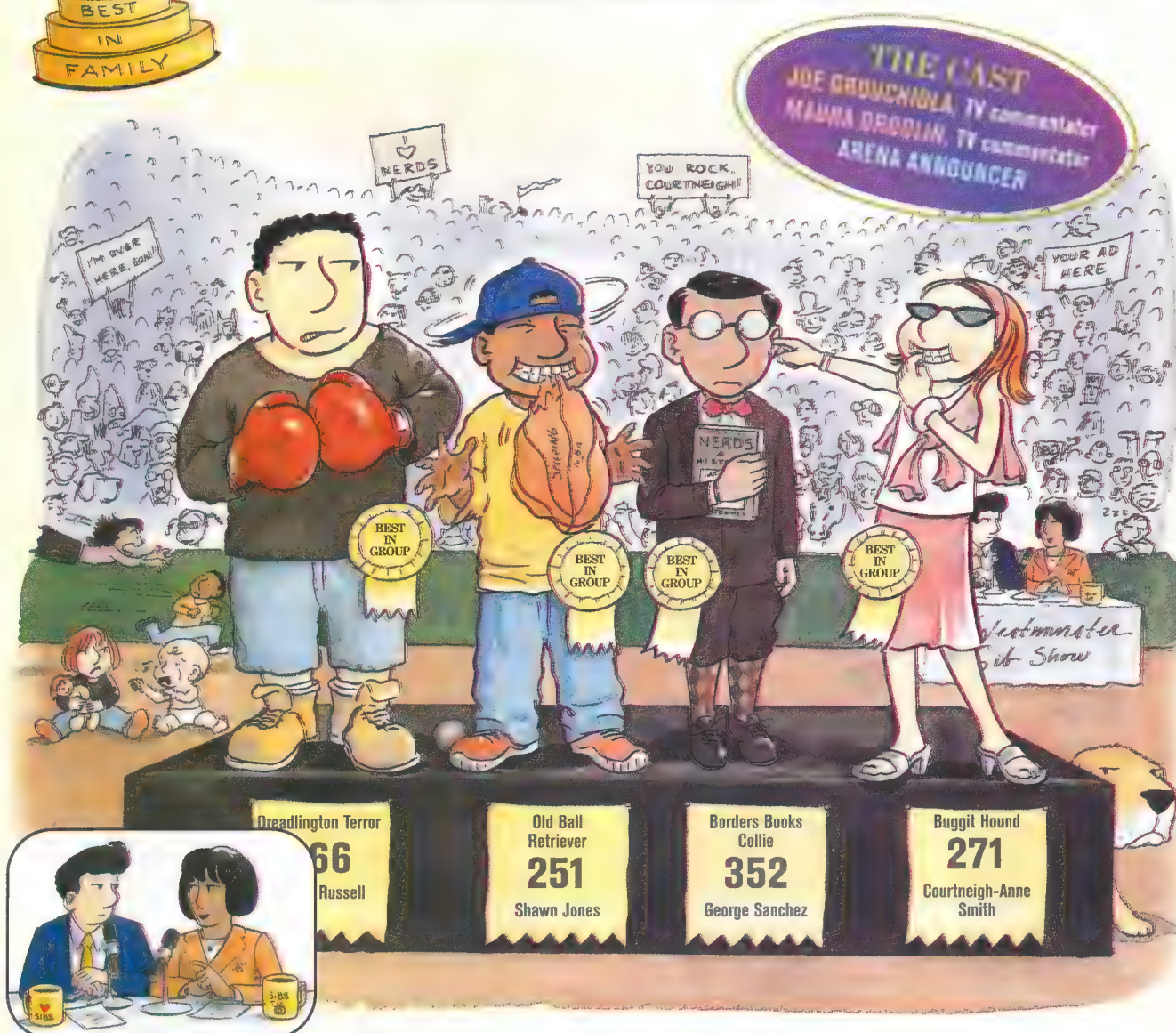
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Best in Family

You may have heard of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, where one dog wins each year as Best in Show. But you probably don't know about the Westminster Sib Show, where one sibling is picked as Best in Family. Read this script aloud to find out which kid will win.



Joe Grouchiola: Good evening, and welcome to the 110th Westminster Sib Show. Tonight we'll be awarding the prestigious Best in Family prize. Maura?

Maura Droolin: Joe, last night the best siblings were selected in the Sporting Group, the Hounding Group, the Non-Sporting (or Nerding) Group, and the Terror Group. Tonight one of them will be named Best in Family.

Joe: First up is the winner of the Sporting Group, Shawn Jones, an Old Ball Retriever.

Announcer: The Old Ball Retriever is a breed of sibling that traces its ancestry back to the backyard. This little sibling will chase after any ball, anytime, anywhere. It knows what it wants and it knows how to get it. This is Old Ball Retriever number 251, Shawn Jones.

Joe: I love these little guys, Maura. I've lost a few softballs in the bushes. I wish I had one of these siblings to go fetch 'em for me.

Maura: Really? My little brother is an Old Ball Retriever.

THE CAST
JOE GROUCHIOLA, TV commentator
MAURA DROOLIN, TV commentator
ARENA ANNOUNCER

He loves to play in the mud and he hates taking baths. Frankly, Joe, he stinks. Now it's time for the Hounding Group winner, Courtneigh-Anne Smith, a Buggit Hound.

Announcer: Known for poking its siblings, incessant yapping, and an inability to be alone, the Buggit Hound can literally drive its family up a wall. This is Buggit Hound number 271, Courtneigh-Anne Smith.

Joe: When I take a look at this little sister, Maura, I am sooo glad that I am an only child.

Maura: My sister is a Buggit Hound, Joe, and she drove me so far up the wall I actually hit my head on the ceiling. You're lucky to be an only child. Now comes George Sanchez, the best of the Nerding Group, also known as the Non-Sporting Group. He's a Borders Books Collie.



Hey, any food under there?

Announcer: The Borders Books Collie is one of the smartest, sharpest siblings there is. Noted for reading constantly, these kids are all business. They do tend to get snippy, however, and often hog the family computer, especially on weekends. This is Borders Books Collie number 352, George Sanchez.

Maura: My older brother is a member of the Nerding Group, Joe, and he was constantly dragging huge textbooks into the house.

Joe: How big is your family, Maura? Wait—it looks like a fight has broken out between Shawn Jones and Courtneigh-Anne Smith. Courtneigh-Anne is nagging Shawn to no end, and now he's under a table, howling.

Maura: Sounds like a routine afternoon at my house! And now the final sibling, a Dreadlington Terror from the Terror Group.

Announcer: The Dreadlington Terror is perhaps the most feared of all siblings.

This breed is known for breaking toys, bones, and even furniture. Impossible to train, the Dreadlington is best given its own room. This is Dreadlington Terror number 666, Jackie Russell.

Maura: I don't even want to look at this sibling, Joe. I was a teenage Dreadlington but grew out of it.

Joe: If that's so, why did you run into my dressing room, turn all my clothes inside out, break my mirror, and leave a puddle on the rug? Wait! What's this? What's happening on the floor?

Maura: An only child has entered the competition! For the first time in 110 years—

Joe: This is great! I'm an only child! So is my sister! This is just great!

Maura: Um, Joe...

Announcer: Ahem. The Only Child, er...uh...I'm really not familiar with this breed...This is Only Child number one, Bree DaPart.

Joe: The judges are reviewing the contestants and—oh, my goodness! It looks like Bree is the winner! An Only Child has been named Best in Family! The judges have cited her for not messing up a sibling's room, not hogging the Game Boy, and not picking on a brother or sister.

Maura: It's pandemonium down there! Shawn Jones is screaming! Courtneigh-Anne Smith is hounding the judges about the rules. George Sanchez has tossed his calculator into the arena. Jackie Russell is threatening to tear the place up! It's a family-size free-for-all!

Joe: And that just about wraps it up, Maura. We'll see you next year. Who knows? Maybe even a pet will win! □



Get in Gear



Our fearless researcher, **Steven Stern**, is covered from head to toe with protective sports equipment. Can you figure out what sport on the list each item is from? Answers on page 63.



- ARCHERY
- BASEBALL
- FENCING
- FIELD HOCKEY
- FOOTBALL
- ICE HOCKEY
- IN-LINE SKATING
- KICKBOXING
- SOCCER
- SWIMMING
- WATER POLO

He's a lean, mean, researching machine.

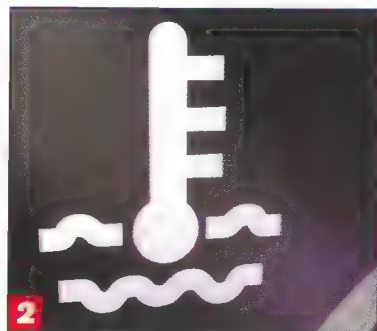


Give Me a Sign

Can you guess the correct meaning of these symbols found in cars and on airplanes? Answers on page 63.



- a. Release bad smell
- b. Defrost car windshield
- c. Activate eyelash curler



- a. Clean house key
- b. Activate submarine
- c. Check car engine temperature



- a. Baby abs workout station
- b. Duck decoy repair center
- c. Diaper-changing station



- a. Inflate tepee
- b. Turn on car's hazard lights
- c. Order large and small pizza slices for everyone



- a. Activate sweaty bald head
- b. Turn on overhead light
- c. Initiate brainstorming session



- a. Direct air toward car passenger's feet and head
- b. Remove head and feet
- c. Throw darts at passenger



- a. Press for Statue of Liberty
- b. Bring out LEGO people
- c. Call flight attendant
- d. Feed dog.



- a. Release missiles
- b. Begin badminton game
- c. Turn on car's headlights

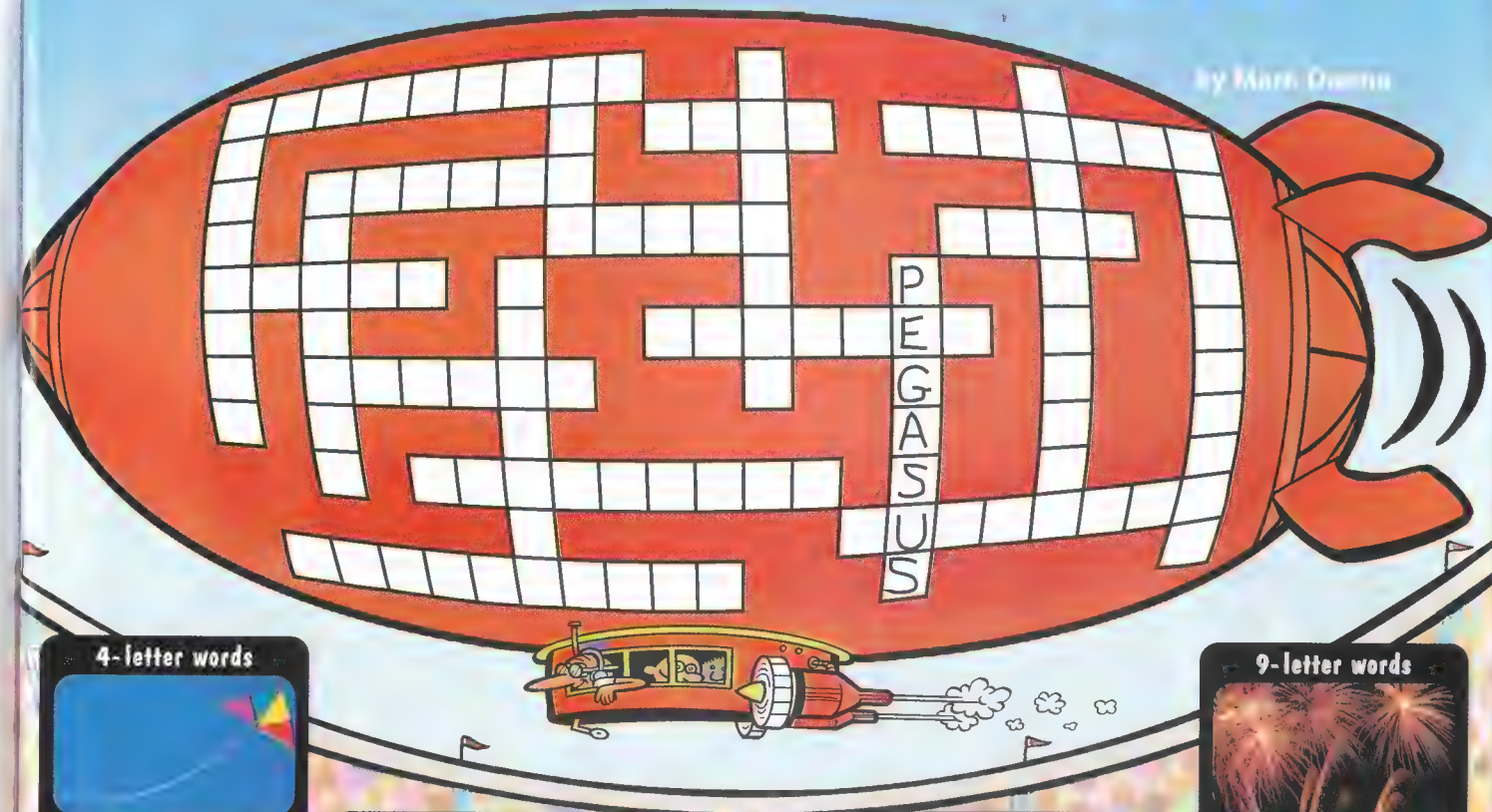


- a. Open trunk
- b. Feed passengers to car
- c. Salute car behind you

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Guess we're a bunch of airheads—we built this puzzle around 20 things that can be seen in the sky or flying through the air. Figure out the word each picture represents and write it down. Then fit all the words into the grid. Hint: Pay attention to word length and letter location. We filled in one word to get you off the ground. Answers on page 63.

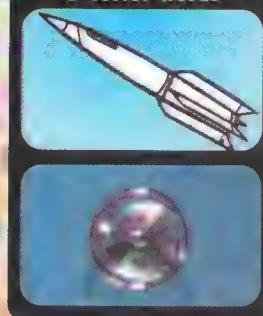
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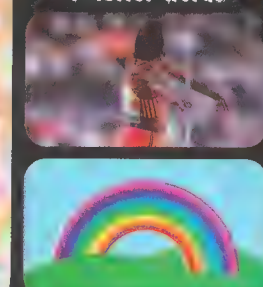
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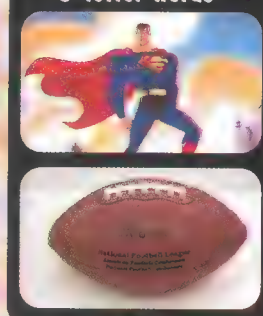
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7-letter words



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9-letter words



10-letter words



5-letter words



I RAN OUT OF WRAPPING PAPER, SO I USED YOUR OLD COMIC BOOKS!



'TIS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS! STOP STIRRING!



I TOLD YOU, JUNIOR: NO HOT CHOCOLATE!



SURE, THE WORK IS HARD AND TEDIOUS, AND THE PAY STINKS, BUT WE DO GET TO WEAR THESE TOTALLY COOL OUTFITS!



The Big COVER-UP

On the following pages, you'll find every Nick Mag cover—from our first issue in summer 1993 all the way through December/January 2006.* We made sneaky alterations to 15 covers. If you spot more than 8, you are one eagle-eyed fan! Hint: On each page, there are three covers that have been changed in some way. Don't bother looking at any of the small type or sidebars—we're not *that* sneaky.

*Some issues were printed with two different covers, but we included only one of them here.



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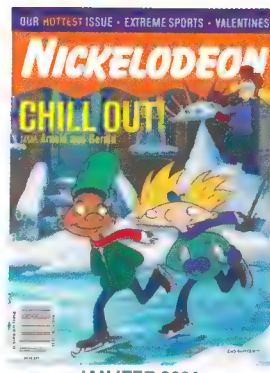
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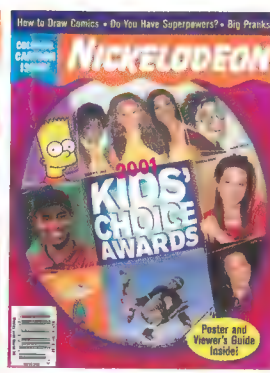




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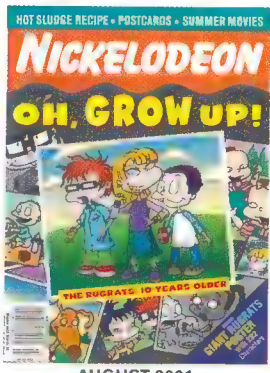
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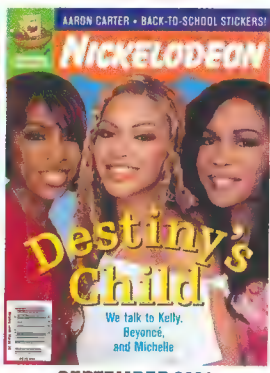
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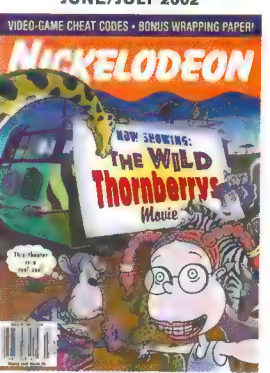
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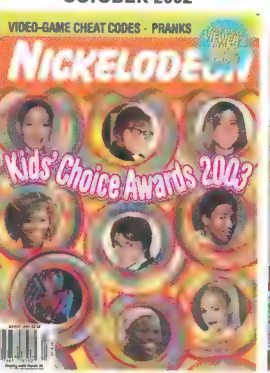
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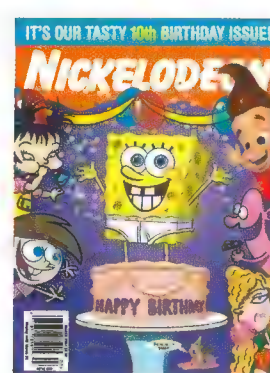
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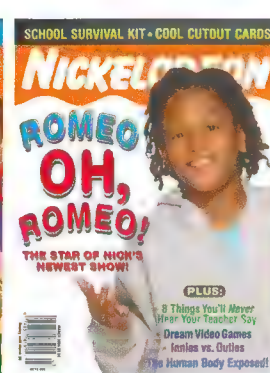
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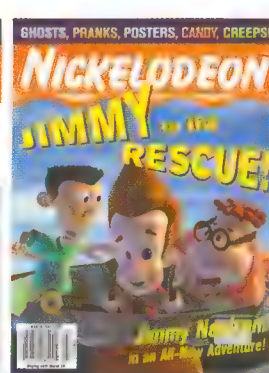
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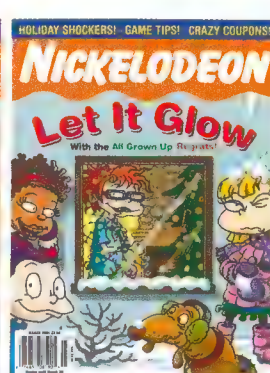
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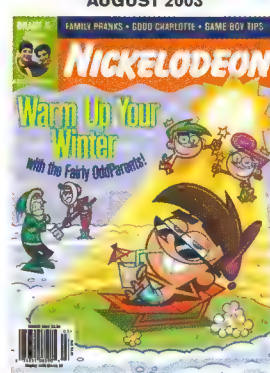
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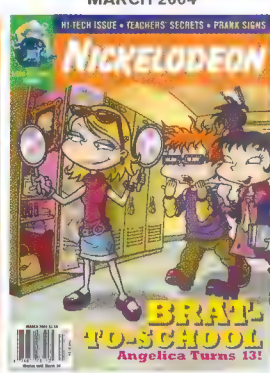
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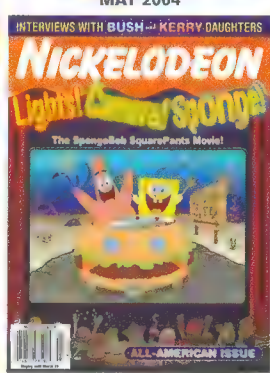
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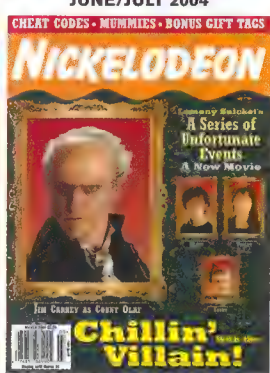
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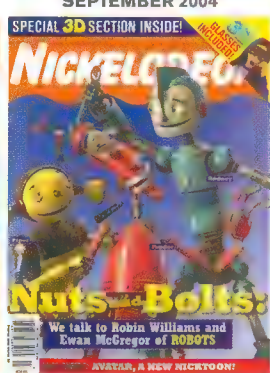
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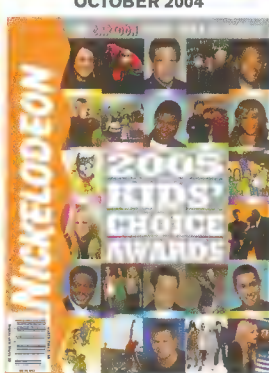
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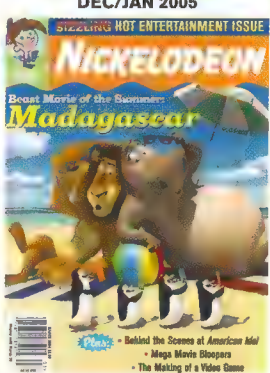
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At Your Surface

by Robert Leighton

Help astronaut Babs Aldrin collect the rock sample at the bottom of the page. The planet's surface is covered with lava, so to get around, Babs must walk on the dark brown islands and climb in and out of the planet's craters.

To solve the maze, first jump into the purple or yellow crater near **START**. Then turn the page to see what's beneath the planet's surface. Land in the circle that matches the color and position of the hole you jumped in on this page. Follow the underground tubes up to a new crater on this page. Choose another crater and work back and forth until you reach the rock—and try not to become dessert! (You'll see what we mean.)

Solution on page 63.



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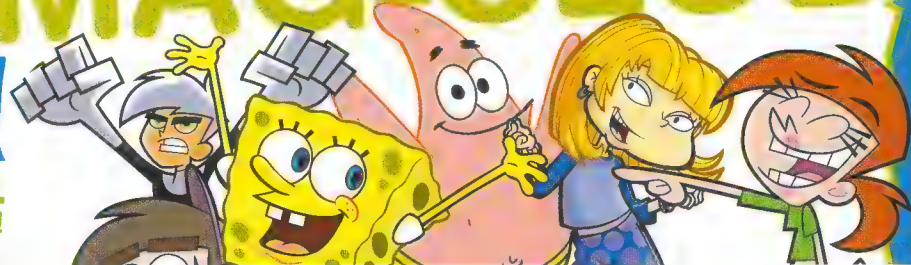
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At Your Surface

This maze starts on page 51.



Seat and Ye Shall Find

by Tom Mitchell

Five friends have come to see *Lord of the Stings*. Unfortunately, the theater is almost full, and the group can't sit together. Using the information below, can you figure out which person should sit in which empty seat?

Answers on page 63.

Allen is allergic to O'ffende perfume, so he can't sit next to someone who is using it.

Albert and **Courtney** are dating, so they have to sit next to each other.

No one but **Connor** can bear to sit next to someone eating fried squid.

Charlene gets sick if she sits in the front row.

Charlene and **Darby** are nearsighted and can't see from the last row.

Darby is the only one who knows not to sit in front of Manny "The Spitter" O'Rafferty.

Connor has purchased six sodas for himself. He must sit in an aisle seat and can't sit in the front row. (It's too far from the bathroom.)

Everyone agrees on the following:

- Don't sit next to someone dressed as a character from the movie.
- Don't sit behind anyone wearing a tall hat.
- Don't sit on a seat with gross stuff on it.
- Avoid sitting next to anyone with a cell phone.

I'll wait for the DVD, thanks.



NOW PLAYING

LORD OF THE STINGS



ANSWERS

PERSON	SEAT NUMBER
Albert	
Courtney	
Charlene	
Darby	
Connor	

COME TO YOUR SENSES

You've been using your senses of touch, taste, sight, hearing, and smell for several years now. But how well do you know them? Take a shot at these questions and find out.

by Alexandra Calamari, Erika Palmer, and Megan Winchell

TOUCH

- When you touch something, which layer of your skin actually feels it?
 - The top layer
 - The second layer
 - The brick layer
- The lips are:
 - one of the most sensitive parts of the body.
 - really made of wax and can be purchased at candy stores nationwide.
 - not all that necessary because we can still talk through our nostrils.
- Your leg can't feel anything when it falls asleep because:
 - the nerves in the leg have temporarily gone to another body part.
 - the nerves in the leg have become so squeezed that they can't properly deliver their signals to the spinal cord.
 - it's having an especially absorbing dream.
- The ridges on our fingers that form our fingerprints:
 - have no nerve endings and therefore can't feel anything.
 - are a microscopic copy of the Blue Ridge Mountains.
 - make our fingers more sensitive to touch.
- Even though a turtle's shell is hard, it:
 - would still benefit from a coat of Turtle Wax.
 - is made of 100 percent cotton.
 - can feel something as delicate as a twig moving across it.



TASTE



- Humans can taste a food only:
 - after saliva has started to dissolve it in their mouths.
 - between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.
 - when it is served at room temperature.
- Which taste is the human tongue most sensitive to?
 - Salty taste
 - Bitter taste
 - Fashion taste
- When is your ability to taste weakened?
 - When you bench-press too many weights with your tongue
 - When you eat too many sweet things in a row
 - When you have a cold and your nose is stuffy
- Microscopic hairs on your taste buds are responsible for picking up flavors. What are these hairs called?
 - Flavonoids
 - Tongue fur
 - Cilia
- Which three foods taste the same when you cannot smell them?
 - Apples, onions, and potatoes
 - Chocolate, olives, and lemons
 - Pea soup, peanuts, and peacocks

SIGHT

- What is a retina?
 - Something you wear at night to keep your teeth straight
 - A membrane inside the eye that detects light
 - An acne medicine
- Humans are essentially color-blind:
 - when wearing cool shades.
 - in any dim light.
 - when watching really old movies.
- The parts of the eye called the cones are responsible for:
 - identifying ice cream flavors.
 - directing traffic.
 - seeing color.
- The vision of most insects is:
 - limited to a distance of three feet.
 - easily corrected by very small glasses.
 - pretty blurry, since they never keep still.
- If someone is nearsighted, he or she:
 - has trouble seeing things that are far away.
 - thinks everything is closer than it really is.
 - can tell what is going to happen in five minutes.



CONTINUED

MORE COME TO YOUR SENSES

HEARING

- 1 The stirrup, the anvil, and the hammer are:
 - a. tools used by ancient sculptors to create statues.
 - b. the three basic shapes of ears.
 - c. three bones in the middle ear.
- 2 What is a common cause of deafness in adults?
 - a. Sitting too close to the TV
 - b. Earwax buildup
 - c. Loud mucus
- 3 Crickets' ears are found:
 - a. on their heads.
 - b. on their front legs.
 - c. wherever they last left them.
- 4 What is the tympanic membrane?
 - a. The eardrum
 - b. The loudest instrument in an orchestra
 - c. The outer crust of a ball of earwax
- 5 The semicircular canals are:
 - a. the folds on the outer part of your ears.
 - b. mysterious ear-shaped grooves found on the surface of Mars.
 - c. the parts of the ear responsible for maintaining balance.



SMELL



- 1 Can fish smell?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes
 - c. Only after they've been lying around for a few days
- 2 Anosmia is:
 - a. the opposite of amnesia.
 - b. a condition that prevents a person from smelling at all.
 - c. Italian for "I'd like a new nose."
- 3 The part of your brain that processes smells also controls:
 - a. emotions and memory.
 - b. farts and foot odor.
 - c. the ability to block out the sound of a voice telling you to do the dishes and make your bed.
- 4 The part of your nose that separates the nostrils is called:
 - a. the nose wall.
 - b. the septum.
 - c. the booger gate.
- 5 Most people lose 20 percent of their ability to smell:
 - a. by the time they turn 20.
 - b. after their first class trip to a zoo.
 - c. when milk comes out of their nose.

REMOTE PATROL











Pass the time during TV's endless commercial breaks by playing commercial bingo with a friend.





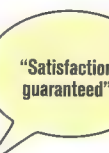





Here's how to play: Carefully cut out the two bingo boards at right. When a commercial is on, watch or listen for the scenes and dialogue described on the boards. When you find one, check it off. Whoever completes a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line first wins.

You can also play alone by timing yourself and trying to beat your own best time.

by Jennifer Fletcher
and Mary Paolucci



 A smiling mom	 "...a theater near you"	 A pizza	Before-and-after results
 "Satisfaction guaranteed"	 A burger	Someone dancing	 "Ask your doctor"
Fizzing soda	A car on a winding road	 A bald man	 A sweaty person guzzling a sports drink
 A long-distance company ad	An Internet address	 A talking animal	A celebrity in a makeup commercial

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Now Introducing SpongeCAKE SquarePants!

When one SpongeBob SquarePants isn't enough...here's a recipe for six.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

FOR THE SPONGE CAKES

- 6 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1 cup sifted flour
- nonstick spray or butter

FOR THE DECORATIONS

- 1 can chocolate frosting
- 1 can white frosting
- mini chocolate sandwich cookies
- blue-coated chocolate candies
- 1 tube brown decorating gel
- yellow jelly beans
- mini marshmallows
- 1 fruit roll

YOU'LL ALSO NEED

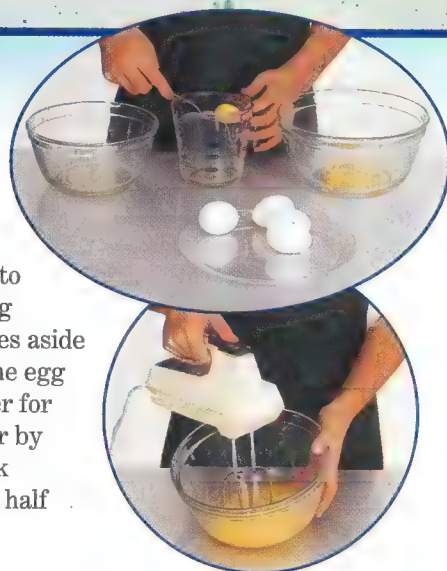
- 2 large mixing bowls
- mixer or whisk
- grater
- measuring spoons
- measuring cup
- sifter
- large mixing spoon
- 1 8" x 8" glass or metal cake pan
- table knife
- sharp knife
- clean sheet of paper
- scissors
- an adult to help



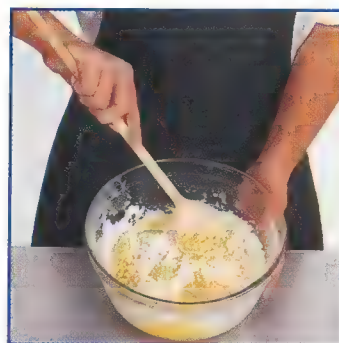
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MAKES SIX SERVINGS

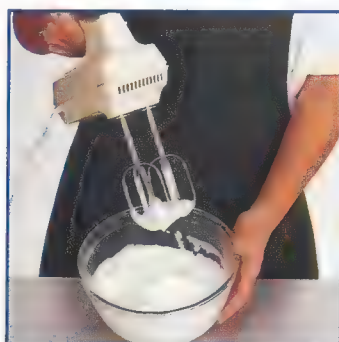
1 Preheat your oven to 325°. Ask an adult to help you separate the egg whites and yolks into two separate mixing bowls. Set the whites aside until step 3. Beat the egg yolks with the mixer for about one minute or by hand with the whisk for about one and a half minutes.



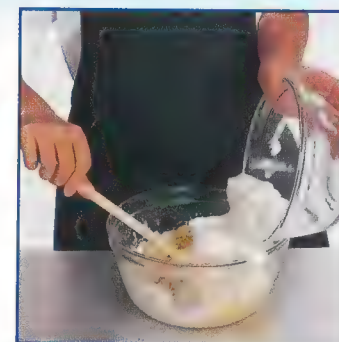
2 While mixing with the spoon, slowly add the sugar to the egg yolks, then add the lemon juice and grated rind. As you continue to mix the batter, slowly add the sifted flour.



3 Use the mixer (for about a minute) or the whisk (for many minutes) to beat the egg whites in the other bowl until they are stiff, like whipped cream. (Be sure to clean the mixer or whisk *before* beating the whites.)



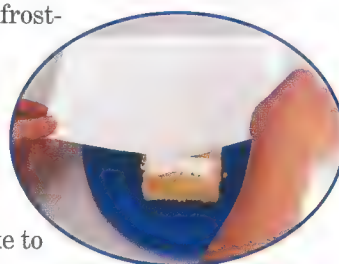
4 Fold or very gently stir the egg whites into the rest of the batter until *just* blended. Then pour it into the greased cake pan and bake for 40 minutes or until a table knife comes out clean when you insert it into the middle of the cake.



5 When you remove the cake from the oven, it will have risen quite a bit. Let the cake cool and fall for 5 to 10 minutes. Cut it into six even, rectangular sections with the sharp knife. Carefully remove the sections.



6 Place a clean sheet of paper over two thirds of each cake section. Use the table knife to spread about a half inch of white frosting next to the paper for SpongeBob's shirt. Leave room for his pants below his shirt. Then carefully pull off the paper. Spread chocolate frosting along the bottom inch of the cake to make SpongeBob's pants.



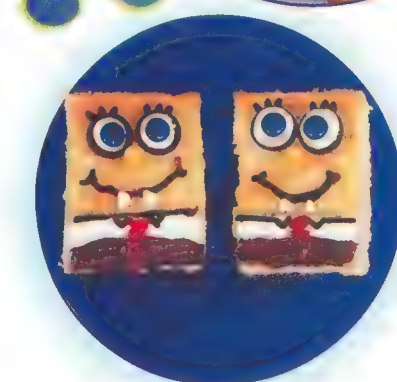
7 Place two open sandwich-cookie halves beside each other about a half inch below the top of the square. These are SpongeBob's eyes. Place a blue candy on each cookie. Then, dot each eye with brown decorating gel and draw three small eye-lashes above each. For the nose, insert a yellow jelly bean into the cake just below the eyes.



8 Draw SpongeBob's mouth with the decorating gel, leaving room for teeth between his mouth and his shirt. Use the scissors to cut a mini marshmallow into four pieces and use two of them as SpongeBob's teeth. Cut the fruit roll into a small tie shape and place it on his shirt, overlapping onto his pants. Draw his collar by adding a wide V to either side of the tie. Draw a line along the top of the shirt to outline the collar.



Now you're "ready eddy eddy" for a special SpongeCAKE SquarePants dessert!



Answers

Sez Who Returns (pages 4-5): 1-G, 2-H, 3-D, 4-J, 5-I, 6-C, 7-B, 8-F, 9-A, 10-E.

Make Snow Sense! (page 8): 1-F (Trixie), 2-J (Bucket), 3-E (Avatar), 4-C (Fenton), 5-K (diaper), 6-I (Jorgen), 7-D (Vortex), 8-G (Patchy), 9-A (square), 10-H (Waffle), 11-B (Reptar).

IM Out of Order (page 9): 1-Window B, 2-Window F, 3-Window C, 4-Window A, 5-Window E, 6-Window D.

Tommy Tattler's Animated World of Gossip (page 10): 1-Dexter and Didi, 2-Popeye and Bluto, 3-Spider-Man and the Incredible Hulk, 4-Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd, 5-Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble, 6-SpongeBob SquarePants and Patrick Star, 7-Scooby-Doo and Shaggy.

A Little Holiday Shopping (pages 12-3):

THE PEOPLE: Left of Center: Sea urchin shell, baby tooth, pinecones, liquor-bottle stopper, alphabet noodles, safety pins, gumdrop, fondue forks (tripod), upside-down bell, cell phone, dried apricot, tiny pinecone (woman's hair), knit glove, paper clip, small spoons of thread, tiny padlock, orange ponytail elastic, artificial ferns, Cheez Doodle, circus peanuts, orange thimbles, frog finger-puppet. Right of Center: Spiral seashell, sliver snap, potato, Fig Newton, wine corks, saltshaker top, silk change purse, sticks of clay, jelly beans, mini marshmallows (child's boot tops), tassel, rolled-up socks, domino, small soap, Chinese finger traps, ponytail elastic, Styrofoam packing "peanuts," wrapped chocolate, woven leather button, Chinese fried noodle, playing cards, tiny basket, cookie, peanuts, loofah, pepper packets, postage stamp, cigarillos (type of cigar). **WINDOW ON LEFT:** Upside-down basket, eraser, twig doll's chair, dog biscuits, peanuts, cinnamon stick, magnet, almond, grape stems (antlers), wooden buckle, little blue goose, LifeSavers candy, red thimble, tape dispenser, figs, butter knives, curved sewing needles, rolling pin, gift tag, fruit-slice candy, white feathers, gummy apple rings, spiral cookie. **WINDOW ON RIGHT:**

Cinnamon sticks, feathers, rolling pin, gift tag, strand of mini lights, matzoh, red LifeSavers candy, green fruit-slice candy, parakeet perch, Twizzlers candy, wooden flute, breadsticks, red plastic squeezable coin purse, tea bag, eye-makeup applicators. **DEPARTMENT STORE EXTERIOR:** Sandwich cookie, baseball cap, gold tiaras, jingle bells (on canopy), plastic protractor, tea candle, hoop earring, lantern, ruler, backscratchers, dog biscuits, jingle bells (trim on columns), sergeant's stripes, artificial melon quarters, tape measure, towel bars, chocolate coins. **BUILDING ON RIGHT:** Pencils, chopsticks in wrapper, tray from box of chocolates, door chain lock, cigar box, gold hoop earring, washboard, pipe cleaner, wooden cocktail forks, cheesy crackers, gold barrette, ruler. **STREETLIGHTS:** Necklaces, coat hook, saltshaker, mini paper candy cup, egg (hollowed out, lit from within).

The Point of No Return (page 14): 1 gives to 12; 2 to 11; 3 to 10; 4 to 7; 5 to 2; 6 to 4; 7 to 6; 8 to 3; 9 to 13; 10 to 8; 11 to 5; 12 to 9; and 13 to 1.

A Sinister Sequence (page 17): 1-C, 2-G, 3-E, 4-I, 5-A, 6-D, 7-H, 8-F, 9-B.

Who Stole the Inca Dinkado? (pages 18-20): The security guard Andy Kraftz stole the statue. Here's how Inspector Coat figured it out: When he was watching the security videotapes, he noticed Kraftz pouring the last few drops of coffee from his thermos (see the TV screen in the lower right corner of panel 2 on page 19). But later, Kraftz poured the inspector some coffee, and his thermos seemed full (page 20, panel 4). That means the videotape could not have been from earlier the same day. Somebody switched the tapes. Since Kraftz said the tapes are locked in the closet and that he has the only key, nobody else could have done it. Kraftz left his desk and stole the Inca Dinkado. Then he went into the tape room and removed the video that showed him leaving his post and returning with the statue. He replaced the tape with an old one that showed him sitting at his desk all day. Then he hid the long, narrow statue in his raincoat sleeve. Notice that one sleeve of Kraftz's coat, hanging in the tape room (page 19,

panel 1), looks a bit stiff and actually has the statue poking out of it.

Log-on Lingo (page 21): 1-search engines, 2-hard drive, 3-sail mail, 4-surf the Net, 5-hackers, 6-Web server, 7-mouse pad, 8-megabyte, 9-download.

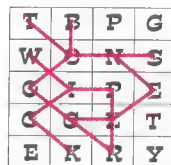
ExtraSensory Puzzle (pages 22-3):

1-Executioner Slicing Pineapples, 2-Egyptian Serving Porcupines, 3-Einstein Solving Puzzle, 4-Egg Sawing Piano, 5-Eel Shocking Pirate, 6-Eagle Smooching Peacock, 7-Elephant Spitting Peanut, 8-Earthworm Scaring Panda, 9-Elf Shaving Pikachu, 10-Elvis Singing Potatoes, 11-Elk Stopping Pedestrians. (You may have discovered different wordings: Excellent, Smart Person!)

Doodles From Above (page 24): 1-C, 2-H, 3-A, 4-E, 5-F, 6-D, 7-B, 8-G, 9-I.

Taken by Supplies (page 29): The tape dispenser has a square hole; the pencil sharpener has a triangular pencil hole; the retractable pen has a dental tool instead of a ballpoint tip; the ruler is missing an inch (skips from 7 to 9); the spiral memo pad has spirals on the top and bottom; the sharp edges of the scissors' blades do not face each other; the yellow pencil has a ballpoint tip; the ballpoint pen has two ends and no tip; the glue stick contains lipstick; the blue pencil has pink lead; the pink pencil has blue lead; the paper clips are each missing one loop; the calculator types letters instead of numbers; the loose-leaf paper's three holes are not aligned.

Follow That Bag! (pages 30-1): First stop: Mount Nosemore, the United States. (The leftover letters can be unscrambled to spell *Egypt*.)



Second stop: The Great Cubes, Egypt. (The

words have only four letters in common, which, unscrambled, spell *Peru*.) **Third stop:** Macho Pikachu, Peru. (The rebus says Easter Bunny Island.) **Fourth stop:** Easter Bunny Island. (*Circel* is misspelled in the first sentence. The word *a* is repeated in the fifth sentence. The circled letters read backward spell *South Pole*.) **Fifth stop:** South Pole Diner, South Pole. (It's the geography game! The last letter of each country is the first letter of the next country. Of the map locations, only Italy can be next in the sequence.) **Sixth stop:** The Perfectly Straight Tower of Pisa, Italy. ($13 - 6 + 3 = 10$. *J* is the 10th letter of the alphabet. The next stop is Japan.) **Seventh stop:** Mount Phooey, Japan. (1-Lotion, 2-Laptop, 3-Toffee, 4-Photos, 5-Cookie, 6-Jersey. Jett is hiding on top of Phooey.)

Escape Artist (pages 33-4):



Dare to Compare (pages 35-6): 1-A: An adult African elephant. (It can grow up to 12 feet tall and measure 26 feet long from trunk to tail. The Ford Excursion SUV is 6.7 feet high and 19 feet long.) 2-A: A table-tennis ball. (It is 1.57 inches in diameter. A normal eyeball measures .984 inches in diameter.) 3-B: The seat cushion. (The average movie-theater seat cushion is 18 inches long by 18 inches wide. Second base on a Major League Baseball field is 15 inches long by 15 inches wide.) 4-B: The United States aircraft carrier *Dwight D. Eisenhower*. (It is 1,092 feet long, 225 feet wide, and 244 feet tall. The Royal Caribbean *Voyager of the Seas* cruise ship measures 1,020

feet long, 157.5 feet wide, and 236 feet tall.) 5-B: The standard-size staple. (The length of a staple, including the legs, is one inch. An uncooked grain of long-grain rice measures $\frac{1}{32}$ inch.) 6-B: The skin pore. (The average skin pore measures 0.00394 inches across. The diameter of an atom is much smaller: It is .1 nanometer, or 0.00000000394 inches.) 7-A: The Earth's moon. (Its diameter measures 2,159 miles. Pluto's diameter is 1,485 miles.) 8-A: The blue whale. (This mammal can grow up to 110 feet long and is about 27 feet across at the widest point. The tractor-trailer is 75 feet long and 7 feet 10 inches across.)

Make It Official (page 37): 1-B, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C, 5-B, 6-A, 7-B, 8-C.

Get in Gear (pages 40-1): 1-water polo,

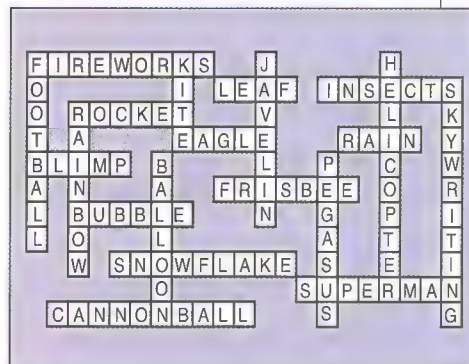
2-swimming, 3-football, 4-fencing, 5-archery, 6-baseball, 7-field hockey, 8-in-line skating, 9-ice hockey, 10-soccer, 11-kickboxing.

Give Me a Sign (page 42):

1-B, 2-C, 3-C, 4-B, 5-B, 6-A, 7-C, 8-C, 9-A.

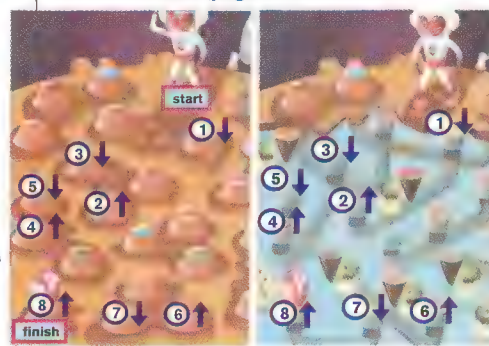


The Sky's the Limit (page 43):



The Big Cover-Up (pages 45-9): These are the 15 changes: Dec/Jan 1995: ICKELODEO should be NICKELODEON; July 1995: Batman has bunny ears; December 1995: Timmy Turner is on the sled with the Rugrats; April 1997: a stapler is one of the Kids' Choice pictures (it was originally Rosie O'Donnell); October 1997: the jack-o-lantern's face is upside down; June/July 1998: TISSUE should be ISSUE; November 1998: Tommy's and Chuckie's heads are switched; June/July 1999: RATS should be STAR; May 2000: MARVIN should be MALCOLM; October 2001: Harry Potter has a goatee; April 2002: SQUID'S should be KIDS'; May 2003: Spider-Man's head is on Wolverine; February 2005: BRITNEY should be ZOEY; November 2005: has the Narnia headline from Dec/Jan 2005; Dec/Jan 2005: has the Harry Potter headline from November 2005.

At Your Surface (pages 51 and 53):



Seat and Ye Shall Find (pages 54-5):

Albert-seat 11; Courtney-seat 10; Charlene-seat 15; Darby-seat 4; Connor-seat 29.

Come to Your Senses (pages 56-8):

Touch: 1-B, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C, 5-C. **Taste:** 1-A, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C, 5-C. **Sight:** 1-B, 2-B, 3-C, 4-A, 5-A. **Hearing:** 1-C, 2-B, 3-B, 4-A, 5-C. **Smell:** 1-B, 2-B, 3-A, 4-B, 5-A.

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The holiday season is one of the most joyous times of the year because that's when the extended family gathers together. But it can also be one of the most *annoying* because...that's when the extended family gathers together. To see how your relatives rate on the irritation scale, check any phrases below that you hear during your holiday meal.

MILDLY IRRITATING

- ☐ "Wow, you've really grown!"
- ☐ "One more piece of pie and I think I'll explode...but sure, I'll have one."
- ☐ "How about that Brenda Spears? She's pretty cool, huh?"
- ☐ "Waaaaaaaaaaaaah! Mommy, I wanna go home!"



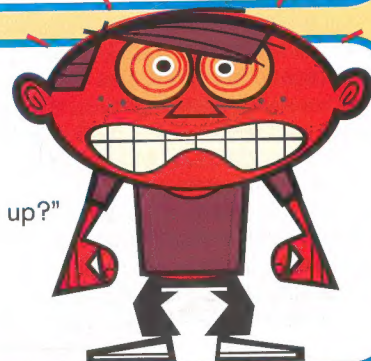
VERY IRRITATING

- ☐ "Why don't you go into the next room and play Go Fish with your cousin?"
- ☐ "Go ahead, tell all of us what you're learning in school."
- ☐ "Hey, I bet in a few years you're going to break a lot of hearts."
- ☐ "What? Who, me?! Nah, I think he/she cut the cheese." (pointing to you)



RED ALERT

- ☐ "I had bad skin, too, when I was your age. Don't worry: It'll only last thirty years."
- ☐ "Why don't you make yourself useful for a change and help clean up?"
- ☐ "Is *that* what the kids are wearing these days?"
- ☐ "You're doing better in school than last year, I hope."
- ☐ "So, dating anyone yet?"



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1. What is the shape of Spongebob's wall clock?

- A. Boat
- B. Blowfish
- C. Lobster
- D. Snail

2. What instrument does Squidward play?

- A. Violin
- B. Drums
- C. Clarinet
- D. Flute

3. Which month and year did Spongebob first premier on Television?

- A. 1901
- B. 1999
- C. 1992
- D. 2002



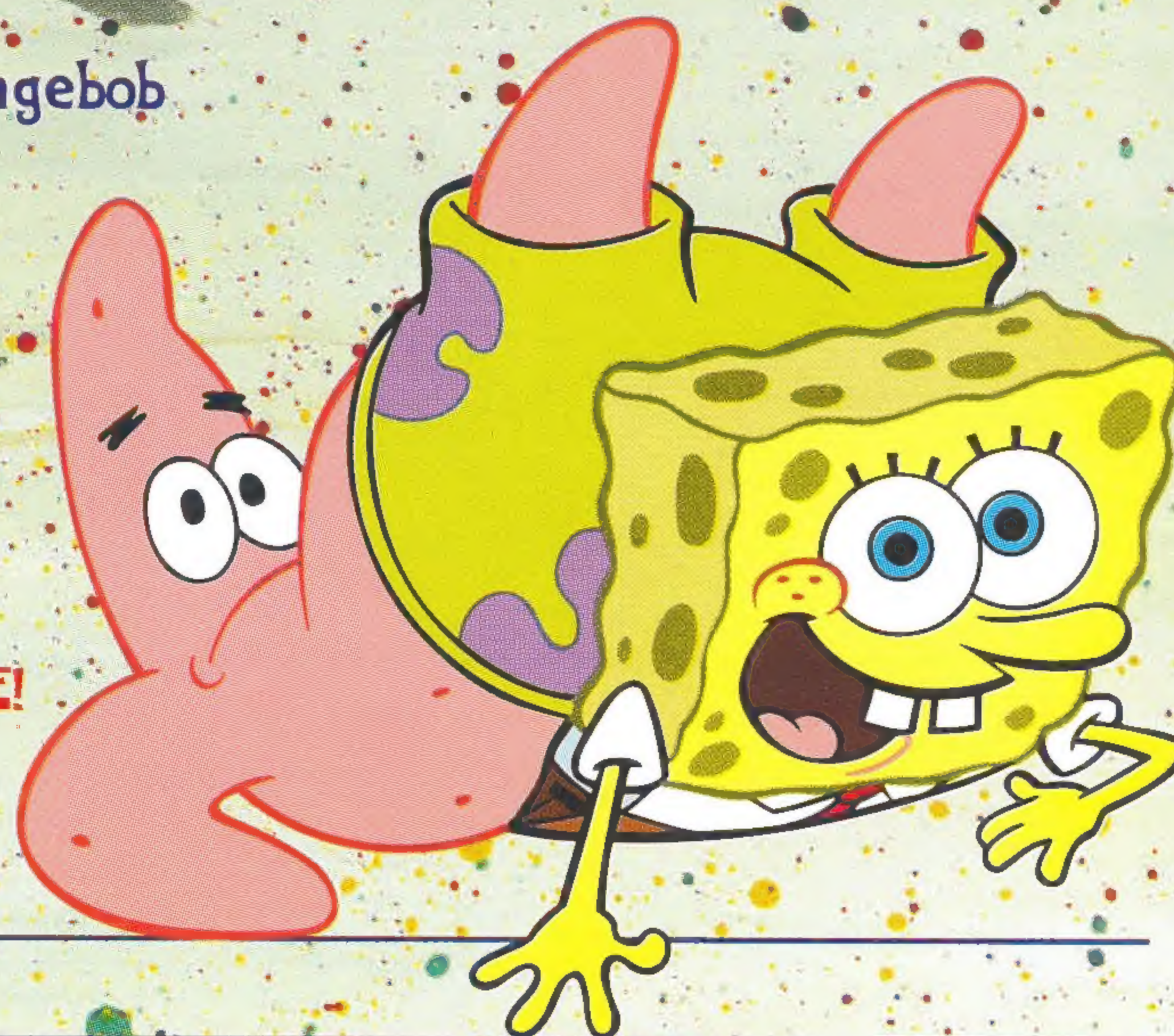
4. What is Spongebob's Address?

- A. 124 Conch Street
- B. 372 Sponge Drive
- C. 98 Sand Court
- D. 1234 Algae Way

5. What type of animal is Mr. Crab's daughter?

- A. Crab
- B. Seahorse
- C. Octopus
- D. Whale

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